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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 September 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 10 and 17 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-9,11-16 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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1. **Status:** Please all replies and correspondence should be addressed to examiner's new art unit 2629. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted on 09-01-2006 under amendments and request for reconsideration, which have been placed of record in the file. Claims 1-18 are pending in this action.

Response to Amendment

2. The amendment filed 09-01-2006 does not introduces any new matter into the disclosure. The added material which is supported by the original disclosure. Applicant has amended the abstract as per objection. Objection to abstract is withdrawn.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 5 is objected to because of the following informalities: on page 4 of 11, Claim 5, Line 8 "substrate **for to** supply" two function supporting words; one of them needs to be deleted. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1,2,4,5,7,11,12,14,16 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lim (US 2002/0039089 A1).

Regarding Claim 1, Lim teaches a liquid crystal display device (page 1, paragraph 5, Line 1, Lines 3-5, paragraphs 13,16, page 3, paragraph 39), comprising: an image display part formed

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on a first substrate where data lines and gate lines are vertically and horizontally arranged, respectively, to cross each other (page 1, paragraph 5, Line 3-5 paragraph 13, Lines 1-5); a plurality of gate tape carrier packages having a gate driving integrated circuit to drive the gate lines (page 1, paragraph 13, Lines 6-9, paragraph 16, Lines 3-5); a plurality of data tape carrier packages having a data driving integrated circuit to drive the data lines (page 1, paragraph 13, Lines 6-9, paragraph 16, Lines 1,2); a plurality of conductive lines formed at an outer side of the image display part of the first substrate to supply gate driving signals to the gate driving integrated circuits to be supplied to the gate lines (page 1, paragraph 13, Lines 6-10); a first control signal line formed together with the conductive lines to supply a first control signal to the gate driving integrated circuits (page 1, paragraph 16, Line 1-16, page 2, paragraph 36, paragraph 34, Lines 8,9, page 4, claim 12) so that the gate lines of the image display part may be sequentially driven from the first one to the last one (page 1, paragraph 16, page 2, paragraph 36, paragraph 34, Lines 8,9, page 4, claim 1, Lines 1-9, claims 7,12); a second control signal line formed together with the conductive lines to supply a second control signal to the gate driving integrated circuits so that the gate lines of the image display part may be sequentially driven from the last one to the first one (page 3, paragraph 39, Lines 4-10, page 4, claims 1,12); and a first controller to supply the first and second control signals to the first and second control signal lines (page 1, paragraph 16, page 3, paragraph 39, Lines 4-10, page 4, claims 1,12).

Regarding Claim 2, Lim teaches the first control signal line is to transmit a gate start pulse (GSP) (page 1, paragraph 16).

Regarding Claim 4, Lim teaches the first controller is to transmit a third control signal to the first data driving IC and the last data driving IC to sequentially apply image information from the first data driving IC to the last data driving IC or from the last data driving IC to the first data driving IC (page 1, paragraph 16, page 3, paragraph 39, Lines 4-10).

Regarding Claim 5, Lim teaches a method of driving a liquid crystal display device (page 2, paragraph 33), comprising: providing a plurality of gate tape carrier packages having a gate driving integrated circuit for driving a plurality of gate lines (page 2, paragraph 34, Lines 7-9); providing a plurality of data tape carrier packages having a data driving integrated circuit for driving a plurality of data lines (page 2, paragraph Lines 4-6); providing a plurality of conductive lines at an outer side of an image display part of a first substrate (page 1, paragraph 8, 10) to supply gate driving signals to the gate driving integrated circuits to be supplied to the gate lines (page 2, paragraph 35, Lines 1,2); and supplying a first control signal to the gate driving integrated circuits using a first control line so that the gate lines of the image display part may be sequentially driven from the last one to the first one (page 3, Paragraph 39, Lines 4-10).

Regarding Claim 7, Lim teaches supplying a second control signal to the data driving integrated circuits using a second control line so that the data lines of the image display part may be sequentially driven from the last one to the first one (page 3, paragraph 39, Lines 4-10).

Regarding Claim 9, Lim teaches the first control signal line transmits a gate start pulse (GSP) (page 2, paragraph 36, Lines 1-4).

Regarding Claim 11, Lim teaches the first controller transmits a third control signal to the first data driving IC and the last data driving IC to sequentially apply image information from the first data driving IC to the last data driving IC or from the last data driving IC to the first data driving IC (figure 3, page 2, paragraphs 34-36).

Regarding Claim 12, Lim teaches a method of driving a liquid crystal display device (page 2, paragraph 33, page 1, paragraph 5, Line 1, Lines 3-5, paragraphs 13,16, page 3, paragraph 39), comprising: an image display part formed on a first substrate where data lines and gate lines are vertically and horizontally arranged, respectively, to cross each other (page 1, paragraph 5, Line 3-5 paragraph 13, Lines 1-5); a plurality of gate tape carrier packages having a gate driving integrated circuit for driving the gate lines (page 1, paragraph 13, Lines 6-9, paragraph 16, Lines 3-5); a plurality of data tape carrier packages having a data driving integrated circuit for driving the data lines (page 1, paragraph 13, Lines 6-9, paragraph 16, Lines 1,2); a plurality of conductive lines mounted on an outer side of the image display part of the first substrate (page 1, paragraphs 8,10) for supplying gate driving signals to the gate driving integrated circuits to be supplied to the gate lines (page 1, paragraph 13, Lines 6-10, paragraphs 8,10); a first control signal line formed together with the conductive lines for supplying a first control signal to the gate driving integrated circuits so that the gate lines of the image display part may be sequentially driven from the first one to the last one (page 1, paragraph 16, page 2, paragraph 36, paragraph 34, Lines 8,9, page 4, claim 12); a second control signal line formed together with the conductive lines for supplying a second control signal to the gate driving

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integrated circuits so that the gate lines of the image display part may be sequentially driven from the last one to the first one (page 3, paragraph 39, Lines 4-10); and a first controller for supplying the first and second control signals to the first and second control signal lines (page 1, paragraph 16, page 3, paragraph 39, Lines 4-10).

Regarding Claim 14, Lim teaches supplying a second control signal to the data driving integrated circuits using a second control line so that the data lines of the image display part may be sequentially driven from the last one to the first one (page 3, paragraph 39, Lines 4-10).

Regarding Claim 16, Lim teaches the first control signal line transmits a gate start pulse (GSP) (page 2, paragraph 36, Lines 1-4).

Regarding Claim 18, Lim teaches the first controller transmits a third control signal to the first data driving IC and the last data driving IC to sequentially apply image information from the first data driving IC to the last data driving IC or from the last data driving IC to the first data driving IC (figure 3, page 2, paragraphs 34-36).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 6,8,13 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lim (US 2002/0039089 A1) as applied to claim 1,2,4,5,7,11,12,14,16,18 above, and further in view of Aoki (US 5,966,115).

Regarding Claim 6, Lim teaches the gate lines of the image display part may be sequentially driven from the last one to the first one (page 3, paragraph 39, Lines 4-10); an image produced by supplying the first control signal (page 3, paragraph 39, Lines 13-18).

However, Lim fails to specifically recite or disclosed an image produced by supplying the first control signal is inverted.

However, Aoki teaches an image produced by supplying the first control signal is inverted (Col. 1, Line 65 to Col. 2, Line 6).

Thus it would have been obvious to one in the ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Aoki in the teaching of Lim to be able to have a display driver using a scan line drive means be able to display vertically inverted image on display panel.

Regarding Claim 8, Lim fails to specifically recite or disclosed an image produced by supplying the first control signal is inverted.

However, Aoki teaches an image produced by supplying the first control signal is inverted (Col. 1, Line 65 to Col. 2, Line 6).

Thus it would have been obvious to one in the ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Aoki in the teaching of Lim to be able to have

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a display driver using a scan line drive means be able to display vertically inverted image on display panel.

Regarding Claim 13, Lim teaches the gate lines of the image display part may be sequentially driven from the last one to the first one (page 3, paragraph 39, Lines 4-10); an image produced by supplying the first control signal (page 3, paragraph 39, Lines 13-18).

However, Lim fails to specifically recite or disclosed an image produced by supplying the first control signal is inverted.

However, Aoki teaches an image produced by supplying the first control signal is inverted (Col. 1, Line 65 to Col. 2, Line 6).

Thus it would have been obvious to one in the ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Aoki in the teaching of Lim to be able to have a display driver using a scan line drive means be able to display vertically inverted image on display panel.

Regarding Claim 15, Lim teaches the gate lines of the image display part may be sequentially driven from the last one to the first one (page 3, paragraph 39, Lines 4-10); an image produced by supplying the first control signal (page 3, paragraph 39, Lines 13-18).

However, Lim fails to specifically recite or disclosed an image produced by supplying the first control signal is inverted.

However, Aoki teaches an image produced by supplying the first control signal is inverted (Col. 1, Line 65 to Col. 2, Line 6).

Thus it would have been obvious to one in the ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention was made to incorporate the teaching of Aoki in the teaching of Lim to be able to have a display driver using a scan line drive means be able to display vertically inverted image on display panel.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 10, 17 are allowed.

8. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant has amended objected claims 10 and 17 by adding limitations of independent claims 5, and 12 respectively. Claims 10 and 17 have been fully considered, searched and they do overcome prior art rejection; which puts claims 10,17 in condition for allowance.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

9. Claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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10. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

A liquid crystal display device, comprising: an image display part formed on a first substrate where data lines and gate lines are vertically and horizontally arranged, respectively, to intersect each other; a plurality of gate tape carrier packages having a gate driving integrated circuit for driving the gate lines; a plurality of data tape carrier packages having a data driving integrated circuit for driving the data lines; a plurality of conductive lines formed at an outer side of the image display part of the first substrate for supplying gate driving signals to the gate driving integrated circuits; a first control signal line formed together with the conductive lines for supplying a first control signal to the gate driving integrated circuits so that the gate lines of the image display part may be sequentially driven from the first one to the last one; a second control signal line formed together with the conductive lines for supplying a second control signal to the gate driving integrated circuits so that the gate lines of the image display part may be sequentially driven from the last one to the first one; and a first controller for supplying the first and second control signals to the first and second control signal lines and a shorting line mounted at an edge of the first substrate to electrically connect an end of the first control signal line and an end of the second control signal line extended from the last gate driving IC.

The cited references on 892's fails y to recite or disclose above bold underline claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

11. Applicant's arguments filed 09-01-2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues cited reference of Lim fails to teach a first control signal line formed together with the conductive lines for supplying a first control signal to the gate driving integrated circuits so that the gate lines of the image display part may be sequentially driven from the first one to the last one.

Examiner disagrees as Lim does disclose a first control signal line formed together with the conductive lines for supplying a first control signal to the gate driving integrated circuits (page 1, paragraph 16, Line 1-16, page 2, paragraph 36, paragraph 34, Lines 8,9, page 4, claims 1,7 and 12) so that the gate lines of the image display part may be sequentially driven from the first one to the last one (page 1, paragraph 16, page 2, paragraph 36, paragraph 34, Lines 8,9, page 4, claim 1, Lines 1-9, claims 7,12).

Applicant argues cited reference of Lim fails a plurality of conductive lines formed at an outer side of the image display part of the first substrate for supplying gate driving signals to the gate driving integrated circuits; a first control signal line formed together with the conductive lines for supplying a first control signal to the gate driving integrated circuits so that the gate lines of the image display part may be sequentially driven from the first one to the last one .

Examiner disagrees as Lim does disclose a plurality of conductive lines formed at an outer side of the image display part of the first substrate (page 1, paragraphs 8,10, It is well known to one ordinary skill in the art the scan (gate) electrode and data electrode do get signals from TFT for active matrix LCD since they are supplied by TCP mounted with controller ICs obviously they will be connected to LCD substrates on the outer edge where connecting pads are located and route the signal to electrodes via conductors) for supplying gate driving signals to the gate driving integrated circuits (page 1, paragraph 13, Lines 6-10, paragraphs 8,10); a first control signal line formed together with the conductive lines for supplying a first control signal to the gate driving integrated circuits so that the gate lines of the image display part may be sequentially driven from the first one to the last one (page 1, paragraph 16, page 2, paragraph 36, paragraph 34, Lines 8,9, page 4, claim 12).

Applicant argues combinations of Lim and Aoki fails to recite or disclose applicant's claimed limitations.

Examiner disagrees combinations of Lim and Aoki does disclose and recite claimed limitations.; as Lim teaches LCD with TCP and controlling ICs driving the scanning line forward and reverse order sequentially and Aoki teaches the control signal inverted to control the Lim's driving of display forward and reverse order sequentially. Combination teaches the applicant's claimed limitations and there they do obviate.

Conclusion

12. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Prabodh M. Dharia whose telephone number is 571-272-7668. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8AM to 5PM.

14. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

15. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished

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